

Message

From: Shea, Valois [Shea.Valois@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2017 5:25:36 PM
To: Chin, Lucita [Chin.Lucita@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: attached - comments grouped under headings
Attachments: DeweyBurdockCommentsCompiled-March16.docx

I must be too literal today! Anyway, thanks for your response. That makes things a little easier. I was in the zone last evening and worked through all the comments.
I have attached the comments I have compiled so far, grouped under headings. We have had comments from 156 people so far.

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From: Chin, Lucita
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: question about enclosed website links to additional info

Haha, that was mean to be rhetorical.

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From: Shea, Valois
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Subject: RE: question about enclosed website links to additional info

Yes

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Subject: RE: question about enclosed website links to additional info

I think it is enough to include the link. They didn't include an attachment, so not sure why we would. This is their comment as submitted. Right?

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From: Shea, Valois
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:05 PM
To: Chin, Lucita <Chin.Lucita@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: question about enclosed website links to additional info

Hi Lucita,
I have a few emails with links to additional info. The email below is an example.
Is it enough to include the link, or should I include the info on the website in the comments?
Thanks!

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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 8:50 PM

To: Shea, Valois <Shea.Valois@epa.gov>

Subject: draft permits and aquifer exemption for uranium mining project in southwestern South Dakota

I am writing to state my opposition to the draft Underground Injection Control Area Permits issued to Powertech Inc. for injection wells for the in-situ recovery of uranium in Inyan Kara Group aquifers. I am opposed to the approval of an aquifer exemption, which would exempt portions of this aquifer from protection under the Safe Drinking Water Act. This exemption would set a dangerous precedent by exempting drinking water protections at the federal level. I am concerned for the health and safety of the citizens of South Dakota and Wyoming that utilize this aquifer; and for the tourists that visit the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore. Deep injection wells have the potential to leak. ProPublica completed a review of more than 220,000 well inspections from October 2007 to October 2010, finding that structural failures were routine. More than 17,000 integrity violations were handed out and more than 7,000 of these wells were found to be leaking (<https://www.propublica.org/article/injection-wells-the-poison-beneath-us>). I am concerned that the current administration's planned cuts to the EPA will result in insufficient funding and personnel to monitor these wells. In addition, research has linked deep injection wells to local earthquakes. These earthquakes have the potential to cause damage to the wells and may also cause structural damage that will impact local populations.

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